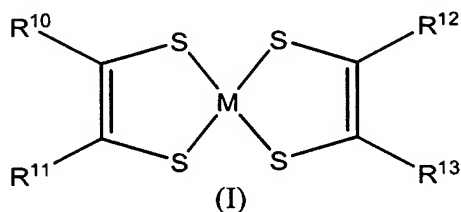


Amendments to the Abstract:

The Abstract beginning at Page 49, lines 1-15, is to be amended as follows:

Abstract

The present invention provides an IR-absorbing dye suitable for formulating a water-based inkjet ink, said dye being of formula (I):



wherein:

M is selected from Ni, Pd or Pt;

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from C₁₋₃₀ hydrocarbyl, or R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together are joined to form a C₂₋₃₀ hydrocarbylene group;

R¹² and R¹³ are independently selected from C₁₋₃₀ hydrocarbyl, or R¹² and R¹³ together are joined to form a C₂₋₃₀ hydrocarbylene group;

wherein at least one of R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹² or R¹³ comprises a hydrophilic group.

Dyes of this type are especially suitable for use in ~~netpage~~NETPAGE and Hyperlabel systems.